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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
to the
PAUL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
for the year 1925.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the District of Paul for the year 1925.

The area of the Civil Parish and Urban Districts is 3,439 acres of land, 3 acres of water, and 79 acres of foreshore. The population in 1925 was 5,669.

There are 1,501 inhabited houses, the number of families or separate occupiers being 1,492. The Rateable value is £11,761, and the sum represented by a penny rate £50.

VITAL STATISTICS.

There were 102 births (47 male and 55 female); 4 being illegitimate, and giving a birth rate of 17.9 per 1,000, an increase of 5.8 per 1,000 over last year and which is lower than the 18.3 for England and Wales.

The deaths were 75 (31 male and 44 female), giving a death-rate of 13.2 per 1,000, and higher than the 12.2 for England and Wales.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Disease.	Total Cases.	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	1	0	0
Enteric	4	0	0
Tuberculosis	8	0	0

No cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

CAUSE OF DEATHS.

The causes of death were Influenza 1, Tuberculosis 5, Cancer 8, Cerebral Haemorrhage 3, Heart Disease 17, Arterio-sclerosis 5, Respiratory diseases 10, and other defined diseases 26.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

There were 8 infantile deaths. Of these one died of Infantile Diarrhoea and four from congenital Debility, Malformation, Premature birth.

CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

The year was free from epidemics. There was only one case of infantile diarrhoea. No doubt the cold summer accounted for the freedom from this disease.

NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, &c.

The District being a small one there are no special Hospitals, Clinics, or Treatment Centres.

There are three private Midwives practising in the District.

There is a Newlyn District Nurse and a Mousehole District Nurse.

The Local Authority has no control over Nurses or Midwives.

There is no Isolation Hospital and no arrangements are in force for the use of any Isolation Hospital, of adjoining districts.

Ambulance facilities for Infectious Cases and Accident Cases are not available nearer than Penzance.

LABORATORY WORK.

None in the District. The M.O.H. makes his own arrangements. The Diphtheria antitoxin is supplied free in most cases.

WATER SUPPLY.

During the summer months the water supply of Newlyn again required augmenting, the extra water coming from the Harbour Commissioners' supply to the Harbour. As previously pointed out, increased storage capacity to the Reservoir would be of great advantage to the District. The Council are now in communication with reference to a further supply for Newlyn from Wheal Betsy Shaft.

The Council has now taken up the Mousehole Water Supply again and Messrs. Lewis & Lewis has the whole thing in hand to get a supply from Trevethal Moors.

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SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

The Public Health Amendment Act 1870 is adopted, as also is the Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act 1890.

The ordinary bye-laws and regulations are in force in the District.

The conservancy system is still the one mostly in vogue in Newlyn and Mousehole, but every year a few dry closets are converted into W.C's and joined up to sewers.

There are no privies in Newlyn. All dry closets are of the pail system.

All refuse is removed four times weekly, and deposited on the foreshore away from human habitation.

The Sewer which is laid beside the Newlyn river extending to below low water, which was seriously damaged by a gale last year has now been put right.

It has been previously pointed out how essential a public latrine is at Mousehole, but no steps have as yet been taken to carry out the suggestion. The Council are now in communication with the Mousehole Harbour Authorities with reference to putting Closet accommodation on the Pier.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

- 300 Premises were visited.
- 2 Courts found in a dirty condition.
- 6 Sink traps defective.
- 2 Cases of overcrowding.

These defects were remedied except the overcrowding,

- 15 New W.C's erected.
- 4 Dry Closets converted into W.C's and connected with the Sewer.
- 20 Dry Closets (about).

INSPECTION OF FOOD.

The four bakehouses at Newlyn, and the two at Mousehole, were frequently inspected and found to be in good sanitary condition.

All consignments of Pilchards leaving Newlyn are inspected.

Continued supervision of the Fish Market is carried out. No fish unfit for human consumption was landed.

There are no slaughter houses.

Twenty-six farms send the milk to factories. Thirty-four retail milk, i.e., supply shops. There is very little milk kept in the dairies. No action was required under the Dairies, Cowshed and Milk-shop Orders.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISINFECTION.

The disinfectants used by the Sanitary Authority is M'Dougals purified Izol. All premises disinfected with the formalyn lamp after infectious diseases.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

No action taken. The Police act in these cases.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

There have been no cases requiring action.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Your Council employs an Inspector of Nuisances, who acts also as Surveyor; and also Inspector under the Housing and Town Planning Act.

The Inspector is a whole-time Officer.

The Medical Officer is a part-time Officer.

H O U S I N G.

Number of new houses erected during the year	3.
As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme.	0.
Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects.	25.
Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous as unfit for human habitation.	1.
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their Officer.	10.
No action was taken under Statutory Powers.	
No Proceedings under Section 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc.	

Houses are still badly required in the District and much improvement could be made in every branch of Sanitation if suitable houses could be acquired for the people, and many houses could be properly renovated if they became unoccupied.

FACTORIES.

The Penlee Quarry employing 250 hands is the largest works in the district.

A Silk-finishing Factory employs about 40 hands and an Ice Factory 8 hands. The outside walls of Silk Factory have been strengthened and inside Fittings and Sanitary accommodation have been attended to.

These, the only factories have been inspected.

Pilchards are cured in cellars for about three months in each year, and Sanitary accommodation has been provided for these premises.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours respectfully,

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Deputy M.O.H. PAUL

